

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI  
DELTA DIVISION**

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EMPIRE PETROLEUM HOLDINGS, LLC

PLAINTIFF

VS.

CAUSE NO. 2:11-cv-064-V

BILL STUBBLEFIELD and DON SMITH

DEFENDANTS

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COUNTER-PLAINTIFFS

VS.

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COUNTER-DEFENDANT

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION OF EMPIRE PETROLEUM HOLDINGS, LLC TO  
SUBSTITUTE PROPER PARTY DEFENDANT IN PLACE  
OF BILL STUBBLEFIELD, DECEASED**

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Before the Court is the Motion of Empire Petroleum Holdings, LLC to Substitute Proper Party Defendant in Place of Bill Stubblefield, Deceased.

For good cause shown and being advised that the substitute party has no objection, the instant motion should be granted in all respects without the necessity of a hearing, it is,

**THEREFORE, ORDERD** that pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(a), Mari Klyce Oakes Stubblefield, as executrix of the estate of Bill Stubblefield, deceased, shall be, and is hereby, substituted as a proper party defendant to this cause in Mr. Stubblefield's stead with respect to all claims not subject to arbitration as determined by this court.

SO ORDERED this 9<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2012.

/s/ Jane M. Virden  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE